



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

February 10, 2022

Dan Tsai
Deputy Administrator and Director
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244


Dear Deputy Administrator Tsai,

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is pleased to accept the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of the Commonwealth's Risk Mitigation Public Health Emergency Demonstration. The approval was granted on January 28, 2022 as an amendment to our existing section 1115(a) demonstration known as Pennsylvania Medicaid Coverage for Former Foster Care Youth from a Different State and Substance Use Disorder (Project Number 11-W-00308/3).

The Commonwealth appreciates the efforts of your team in securing this approval and looks forward to the CMS guidance mentioned in the approval letter regarding the development of monitoring and evaluation requirements, including assistance in developing the Evaluation Design. We further acknowledge CMS' commitment that data collection and analyses associated with monitoring and evaluation of the amendment not to be unduly burdensome given the narrow and time-limited nature of the amendment. We will contact our project officer, Felix Milburn, to seek technical assistance to initiate the development of the Evaluation Design.

Thank you for your support of our managed Medicaid program.

Sincerely,


Sally A. Kozak
Deputy Secretary

cc: Daniel Belnap, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group
Felix Milburn, Project Officer
The Honorable Meg Snead, Acting Secretary for Human Services
Ms. Kristin Ahrens, Deputy Secretary for the Office of Developmental Programs
Ms. Nina Wall, Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations